



GUILDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Guildford High School – 11+ Entrance Examination update

It is incredibly important that all of those considering entrance to Guildford High School in September 2021 have an equal and fair opportunity to demonstrate their ability and suitability to learning with us. Many children currently in Year 6, however, have suffered considerable disruption to their education during lockdown learning last term and, indeed, year groups and bubbles continue to have their learning disrupted with local lockdowns and isolation periods.

As a result, we have made the decision to change our entrance examination arrangements for all pupils sitting for entrance to Year 7 in September 2021.

All pupils registered and wishing to be considered for entrance to Year 7 in September 2021, will now be required to attend our online CEM test at Guildford High School on 14-15 November 2020. CEM testing has been successfully used for 11+ entrance examinations by leading independent schools for a number of years and is being used extensively for testing this year as a response to the situation in which all selective schools find themselves.

The results of this test, together with an interview to take place on 8 January 2021, will form the 11+ admissions process this year. A school report will also be requested from your daughter's current school.

Included is further information which I hope you will find useful. I am committed to ensuring that our entrance process is fair and accessible to all pupils. My absolute priority is to allow your daughters to demonstrate their ability and potential.

Yours sincerely

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11+ entrance process at Guildford High School (September 2021 entry)

14 - 15 November 2020	CEM testing (computer-based testing) at Guildford High School
8 January 2021	Interview at Guildford High School
End January 2021	Offer/not offer letters posted to families

Entrance testing (approximately 1 hour) – 14/15 NOVEMBER 2020

Online testing will allow us to take an objective view of each candidate's strengths and abilities in key areas.

It supports developed abilities in reading and maths that rely on genuine understanding rather than learning through repetition. The test will assess the reasoning abilities of pupils, including verbal, numerical and non-verbal ability.

There is no need for your daughter to prepare for this assessment but we would suggest that you access this familiarisation material in advance: <https://plus.cem.org/cemselectfam/>

This is an online assessment and will last for approximately one hour.

Pupils who have had an Educational Assessment, such as an Educational Psychologist report, which makes a recommendation of access arrangements, such as extra time, will have their need accommodated, where practicable.

Interview - 8 JANUARY 2021

Every pupil who sits our entrance assessment in November will be invited back for interview on 8 January 2021. Interviews will be a one to one informal meeting with a member of staff, providing applicants with an opportunity to tell us about themselves. We will also explore creative thinking and problem-solving skills through our discussion.

Interviews will last for 15-20 minutes.

ALL CANDIDATES WILL ATTEND BOTH ASSESSMENTS

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